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1. FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY RETURNED FROM UNGA OCTOBER 19 AND TOLD PRESS IRAN AND IRAQ WOULD RESUME TALKS "IN THE NEAR FUTURE." HE ADDED THAT DATE AND PLACE HAD NOT YET BEEN SET. KHALATBARY SAID HIS TWO MEETINGS WITH IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER TAQA AT UNGA WERE "TOUGH, AND CERTAINLY NOT SMOOTH," AND COMMENTED THAT AT CURRENT STAGE OF RELATIONS "NEITHER SIDE CAN AFFORD TO MAKE CONCESSIONS." IRANIAN PRESS OCT 21 REPORTED TAQA'S DEATH IN RABAT WITHOUT COMMENTING ON ITS EFFECT ON POSSIBLE TALKS.

2. AS IF TO BUTTRESS IRANIAN POSITION, PRESS OF OCTOBER 19 CARRIED STORIES ALLEGING NUMEROUS IRAQI BORDER VIOLATIONS
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IN PAST WEEK. IRAQI PATROL BOATS ALLEGEDLY SEIZED TWO

IRANIAN MOTOR LAUNCHES AND THEIR OCCUPANTS FROM IRANIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS IN PERSIAN GULF OCTOBER 13 AND 14. IN SECOND INCIDENT, IRANIAN LAUNCH WAS REPORTEDLY BOUND FOR KUWAIT WITH 25 PERSONS ABOARD. IRAQIS WERE SAID TO HAVE HARASSED IIN PATROL CRAFT "MAHAN" OCTOBER 14. ANOTHER REPORT SAID 200 IRAQI MILITIAMEN ON OCTOBER 15 OPENED MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE ON IRAQI FARMERS IN SUSANGARD. IRANIAN FRONTIER GUARDS RETURNED FIRE DURING 11-HOUR BATTLE IN WHICH THREE IRAQI MILITIAMEN AND ONE IRANIAN FARMER WERE REPORTED KILLED.

3. KHALATBARY TOLD REPORTERS THAT MOST COUNTRIES AT UNGA SUPPORTED SHAH'S PROPOSAL FOR MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. IN UNDERSTATEMENT OF WEEK, KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL REPORTED THAT "A FEW TECHNICAL DETAILS" OF THE IRANIAN PROPOSAL NEEDED TO BE WORKED OUT, SUCH AS DEFINITION OF TERM "MIDDLE EAST."
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